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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 5017

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SUBJECT: MICHAEL DOUNTAS

REF: ATHENS 5828

1. EMBASSY ATHENS' CHARACTERIZATION OF MICHAEL DOUNTAS IS ON THE MARK. AMB. CRAWFORD AND I WERE IN NICOSIA DURING HIS ENTIRE TOUR, AND BOTH OF US HAD REASON TO BE AWARE OF HIS PENCHANT FOR CHARACTER ASSASSINATION. HAVING SAID THIS, I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT HE IS INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC, INTELLECTUALLY AGILE, AND EXPERIENCED IN THE DIPLOMATIC NICETIES. HE WAS AT THE TIME UNMARRIED AND SOMETHING OF A LADIES MAN. BELIEVE HE IS A DIABETIC.

2. UNDER THE GUISE OF A STRONG NATO PROPONENT, I FOUND DOUNTAS ALMOST FANATICALLY NATIONALIST. HE WOULD NEVER DESCEND TO THE GAUCHERIE OF HIS ONE-TIME CHIEF AMB. PANAYOTAKIS, BUT I THINK THE DIFFERENCE WAS IN METHOD RATHER THAN IN AIM. DEFINITELY A MAN NOT TO BE TRUSTED.
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